

1 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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3 A method and apparatus facilitate printing N collated copies of a document on a
4 printer, where N is an integer greater than one. The method determines whether the printer
5 has sufficient capacity to print N collated copies of the document. If the printer has
6 insufficient capacity to store one copy of the document, then the method performs the
7 following step N times: sending a single copy of the document to the printer. The capacity
8 may be memory to store one copy of the document in print ready form. The apparatus
9 comprises a memory, a spooler connected to the memory, a status agent and a control logic
10 connected to the spooler and the status agent. The memory is configured to store the
11 document. The spooler is configured to send an outgoing print job to the printer. The status
12 agent is configured to receive from the printer information regarding whether the printer has
13 sufficient capacity to collate the document. The control logic controls the spooler on the
14 basis of this information.